in June, 2001, did not evince much interest in our offer but instead requested for Mumbai as a point of call for their designated airlines. This was not acceptable to the Indian side.

Removal of Aviation Restriction by Pakistan

1373. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has lifted aviation restriction for India as a reciprocal gesture of opening up its airspace for over flights; and

(b) if not, the action proposed to be taken to close its airspace for Pakistani aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Government have already lifted, with effect from June 10, 2002, all restrictions placed since January 1 of this year on Pakistani Aircraft and Pakistani Airlines to overfly Indian territory subject to normal procedures for approval, as appropriate, being followed as before. Pakistan has, however, not yet responded to India's gesture. As a result, Pakistani aeroplanes have not been able to overfly Indian territory.

Committee on Management of Airports

1374. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee on the Management of Airport in the country;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the committee;

(c) what is Government's reaction to such recommendations; and

(d) whether all the recommendations made by the committee have been fully implemented and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) In December, 1999 a High Level Inquiry Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri R.C. Jain was constituted to look into the escalator accident, which happended at Indira Gandhi International Airport. This Committee was also asked to look into the aspects relating to Management of Airports. The Committee

submitted its report on 14.07.2000. The report has made several observations/recommendations on diverse issues including corporate affairs of AAI, Aviation safety and security, customs, cargo, immigration and airport facilities, coordination, etc. The report was sent to Airports Authority of India, Director General of Civil Aviation, Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation), Ministry of Home Affairs, Customs, Immigration Department etc. for implementing the recommendations, wherever feasible. In so far as matters relating to the Airports Authority of India were concerned, a Sub-Committee was constituted to look into major recommendations and take necessary steps to implement them. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has also reviewed the implementation of the recommendations, from time to time.

NPA of Banks

1375. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to RBI only 14 companies have so far defaulted Rs. 4904 crores from scheduled Banks as in September, 2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as on 31st march, 2001 there are 12,090 accounts which have defaulted Rs. 80,246.46 crores of rupees from Banks and Financial Institutions; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government for speedy recovery of loans and interests from the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as on 30th September, 2001 top 14 defaulting borrowal accounts of banks and notified all India financial institutions had outstanding balance aggregating Rs. 3,825.20 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir. According to RBI as on 31st March, 2001, there were 12,090 defaulting borrowal accounts of Rs. 1 crore and above of banks and notified all India financial institutions with aggregate outstanding of Rs. 80,246.46 crores.